

2011 Conservation Programs Summary

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Program	Description	Agency	Contact	Eligibility
WI Forest Landowner Grant Program (WFLGP)	A cost-sharing program that provides funding for stewardship practices on private land. Up to 50% of the eligible costs can be refunded upon completion of the work. Landowner grant applications are accepted continuously but processed only four times a year - February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. Applications are funded based on priority.	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	DNR Service Center 141 NW Barstow Rm 180 Waukesha WI 53188 (262) 574-2100 www.dnr.state.wi.us	Private landowners with at least 10 acres of non-industrial private forest.
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	Voluntary program for agricultural landowners. Through CRP, you can receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland. The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) makes annual rental payments based on the agriculture rental value of the land, and provides cost-share assistance for up to 50 percent of the participant's costs in establishing approved conservation practices. Participants enroll in CRP contracts for 10 to 15 years.	Farm Service Agency (FSA)	515 W Moreland Blvd AC 48 Waukesha WI 53188 (262) 547-3754 www.fsa.usda.gov/wi	Cropland that is planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity 4 of the previous 6 crop years from 1996 to 2001, and which is physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity; or certain marginal pastureland that is suitable for use as a riparian buffer or for similar water quality purposes.
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	Voluntary conservation program that encourages producers to address resource concerns in a comprehensive manner by undertaking additional conservation activities, and improving, maintaining and managing existing conservation activities; involves a five-year contract in which the farmer agrees to maintain existing conservation and to do more over the life of the contract. Documentation of farm conservation activities is used to determine eligibility and ranking. NRCS provides financial and technical assistance. Payments may range from about \$12 -\$38 per acre.	Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)	515 W Moreland Blvd AC 260 Waukesha WI 53188 (262) 547-3754 www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov	Must include the entire agricultural operation (land for which you are the operator in FSA farm records management system).

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Wetland Reserves Program (WRP)	Program to restore wetlands that were previously altered for agricultural use. Three enrollment options available: permanent easement, 30-year easement, or 10-year contract. Permanent easements pay 100% of the agricultural value of the land and 100% cost-sharing; 30-year easements pay 75% of the agricultural value and 75% cost-sharing; 10-year contract pays 75% cost-share only. Easements are recorded with property deed. 10-year contract is not recorded with deed.	Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)	515 W Moreland Blvd AC 260 Waukesha WI 53188 (262) 547-3754 www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov	Private agricultural land.
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	Offers financial assistance for implementing eligible conservation practices; may pay up to 75 % of the costs. Incentive payments may also be made to encourage a farmer to adopt land management practices, such as nutrient management, integrated pest management or wildlife habitat management. Contracts for practice implementation are from 1-10 years.	Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)	515 W Moreland Blvd AC 260 Waukesha WI 53188 (262) 547-3754 www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov	Any farmer engaged in livestock or crop production on eligible land.
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)	Voluntary program to develop and improve high quality habitat that supports wildlife populations; agreements generally last from 5 to 10 years.	Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)	515 W Moreland Blvd AC 260 Waukesha WI 53188 (262) 547-3754 www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov	Private agricultural land and non-industrial private forest land.
WI Working Lands Initiative (Farmland Preservation Program)	The Wisconsin Working Lands Initiative provides eligible landowners with an opportunity to claim farmland preservation tax credits. These are income tax credits applied against tax liability and are available for the 2010 tax year and beyond. Tax credit amounts are: 1)\$5.00/ac for farmers with a farmland preservation agreement (FPA)signed after July 1, 2009 and located in an agricultural enterprise area (AEA) , 2) \$7.50/ac for farmers in an area zoned and certified for farmland preservation, and 3) \$10.00/ac for farmers in an area zoned and certified for farmland preservation, in an AEA, with a FPA signed after July 1, 2009.	Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), Waukesha County Land Resources Division	515 W Moreland Blvd AC 260 Waukesha WI 53188 (262)896-8306 http://datcp.wi.gov/Environment/Working_Lands_Initiative/index.aspx	To claim a tax credit, landowners must be located in an area zoned and certified for farmland preservation or have a farmland preservation agreement and be located in an agricultural enterprise area. Landowners must be residents of Wisconsin and must meet other eligibility criteria to claim the credit, including compliance with state soil and water conservation standards. At this time, only areas with designated farmland preservation are in Town of Oconomowoc, Town of Ottawa, and Town of Eagle (see Waukesha County Comprehensive Development Plan).

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Soil and Water Resource Management Grant (SWRM)	<p>State grants to counties to provide landowner cost sharing to implement Land and Water Resource Management plans. Cost share assistance (up to 70%) to implement conservation practices (identified in ATCP 50).</p> <p>2011 Proposed Allocation for Waukesha County: \$20.000 (Bonding) \$0.00 (SEG)</p>	Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), Waukesha County Land Resources Division	515 W Moreland Blvd AC 260 Waukesha WI 53188 (262) 896-8306	
Notice of Discharge Project Grant (NOD)	Notice of Discharge (NOD) Project Grants are provided to local units of government (typically counties) by the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. The purpose of these grants is to provide cost sharing to farmers who are required to install agricultural best management practices to comply with NOD requirements.	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP)	DNR Service Center 141 NW Barstow Rm 180 Waukesha WI 53188 (262) 574-2100 www.dnr.state.wi.us	Producers who have been issued a NOD by the DNR under Chapter NR 243 (Animal Feeding Operations); small and medium animal feeding operations that pose environmental threats to state water resources.
Washington County Native Tree and Prairie Seed Program	Trees and shrubs sold in bundles of 25. Prairie seed mixes and additional accessories available. Orders due March 4, 2011.	Washington County Land & Water Conservation Division	333 E. Washington St. Suite 3200 PO Box 2003 West Bend WI 53095-2003 (262) 335-4800 www.co.washington.wi.us/lcd Tree & Prairie Seed Program	Open to anyone.
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Tree Program	Minimum order is 1000 tree seedlings or 500 shrubs. Trees and shrubs may be purchased in increments of 100 of each species.	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	DNR Service Center 141 NW Barstow Rm 180 Waukesha WI 53188 (262) 574-2100 www.dnr.state.wi.us	Wisconsin landowners may purchase DNR seedlings for reforestation and conservation purposes. DNR seedlings may not be used for decorative, ornamental, landscaping purposes, or Christmas trees.

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Jefferson County Tree Sale	Limited selection of trees and shrubs available in bundles of 25 trees per bundle.	Jefferson County Land and Water Conservation Department	320 South Main St. Rm. 113 Jefferson WI 53549 (920) 674-7110 www.co.jefferson.wi.us Land and Water Conservation	Open to anyone. Trees sold on first come/first serve basis.
Menomonee Falls Tree Seedling and Prairie Seed Sale	Variety of trees and shrubs available in bundles of 10. Grass and wildflower seed also available. Orders are due by March 1, 2011.	Village of Menomonee Falls	W156 N8480 Pilgrim Road Menomonee Falls WI 53051 (262) 532-4417 www.Menomonee-Falls.org	Open to any landowner in Waukesha County.
Retzer Nature Center Native Plant Sale	Plant sale features prairie, old-field and wetland plants, as well as some species that are difficult to start from seed. Sale usually held in May and August.	Retzer Nature Center, Waukesha County Park System	S14 W28167 Madison St Waukesha WI 53188 (262) 896-8007 www.waukeshacounty.gov/parks	Open to anyone.
Graham-Martin Foundation Rain Garden Grant Program	Plants retail for \$3.60 per 3 inch pot. Through the grant, you may purchase plants for \$1.80 each. Plants must be ordered in multiples of 4. Orders are due May 1, 2011.	Graham-Martin Foundation in cooperation with Waukesha County Land Resources Division (LRD)	Waukesha County LRD 515 W Moreland Blvd AC 260 Waukesha WI 53188 (262) 896-8305 www.waukeshacounty.gov/cleanwater	Any homeowner or “not-for-profit”.

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